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Florida House Republicans and Democrats Send Message to Congress Demanding Fiscal Responsibility

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today the House Majority Leader Carlos Lopez-Cantera issued the following statement on the Florida House of Representatives passing House Memorials, with bipartisan support, to send a message to the United States Congress demanding fiscal responsibility.

"As legislators we give a voice to the concerns of our citizens and serve as their advocates," stated Leader Lopez-Cantera. "On behalf of all citizens of Florida, these memorials send a strong message to Congress that the irresponsible spending in Washington must stop, and I thank the members of the Democratic Caucus who stood with republicans to send this strong bipartisan message."

HM 499 Federal Balanced Budget Amendment by Representative Ingram urges the United States Congress to submit to the States a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring an annual balanced Federal budget.

"Washington must stop mortgaging our children's future with today's binge spending," continued House Majority Leader Lopez-Cantera. "Responsibly constraining spending is the right thing to do. Florida balances its budget each year, and we must demand that the federal government do the same."

CS/HM 1249 Federal Spending Cap by Representative Jose Oliva (R-Miami Lakes/Hialeah) urges the United States Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment requiring a spending cap as a percentage of the annual Gross Domestic Product.

"Nationally and across the globe, the world is experiencing unprecedented financial uncertainty. With unsteady economies, states are relying on the federal government for their very existence, and our federal government continues to crawl deeper and deeper into inescapable debt," stated Leader Lopez-Cantera. "It is not always easy to make cuts, but our national security and the prosperity of America's future generations depend on it."